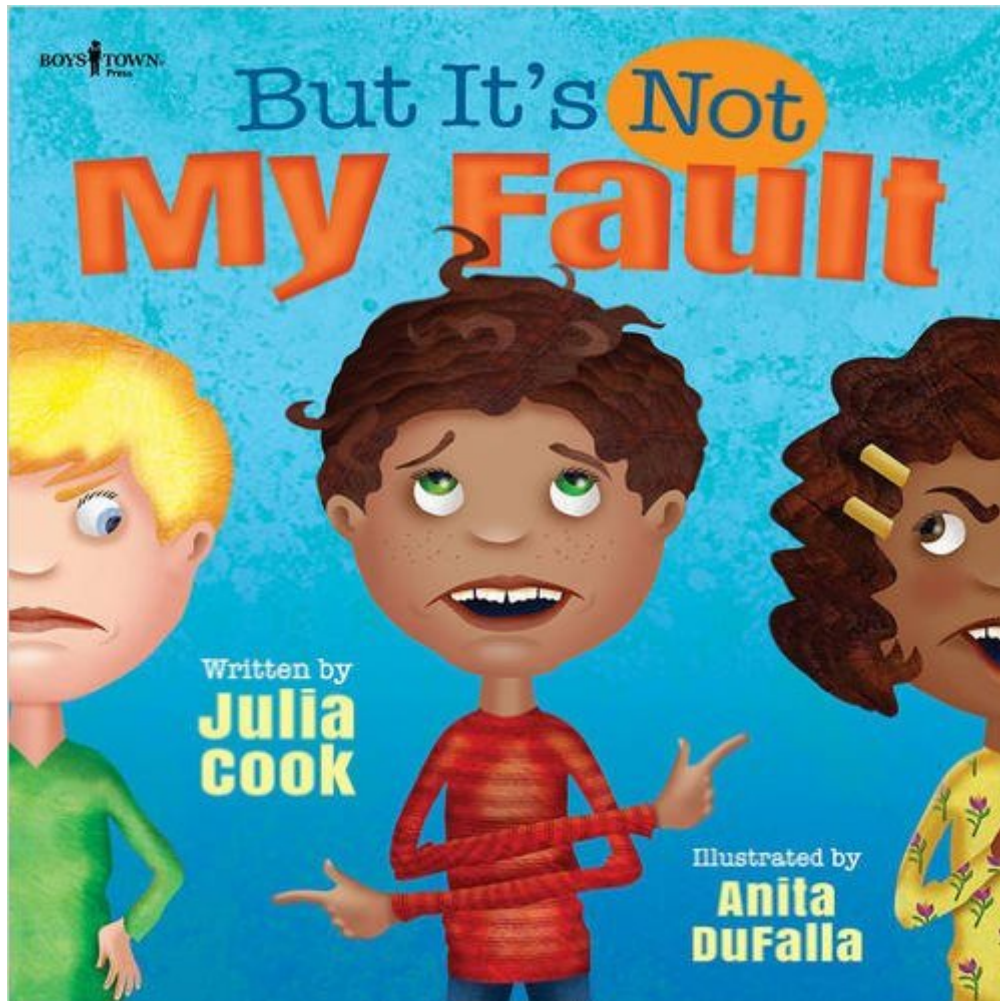


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# But It's Not My Fault! (Responsible Me!)



## Synopsis

My name is Norman David Edwards&#x85; but everybody calls me Noodle. Sometimes things happen to me that get me into trouble. But it's not my fault! This first book in the new Responsible Me! Series, follows Noodle through a very rough day at school. It just isn't his fault that his brother's game ran late and he didn't finish his homework. Or that his mom forgot to remind him to turn in his library book. Or that Mary Gold got in his airspace and hit his arm with her head... Join Noodle on his journey as he learns not to blame others or try to find fault; but instead practices accepting responsibility, and turns his very rough day into a very good NEW day!

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## Customer Reviews

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE all of her books! I can't say enough about them except I think these books should be mandatory for all teachers! I love how simple the books are to read and she always gives good advice at the end on how to incorporate the coping mechanisms. I am an Occupational Therapist, single mother of 2 girls ages 8 and 10, and a Girl Scout leader to two troops. Julia Cook's book have helped me explain to my "kids" emotional and physical "conditions" in a non-judgmental and inspiring way. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ALL OF HER BOOKS!!!! I also recommend you get her accompanying workbook for teachers which she has produced for several of her products. Our favorite books from Julia Cook: My Mouth is Like a Volcano (I only have to say "volcano" to my "kids" and they know they need to wait before interrupting my conversation; it's great having a

"code" word so as not to "embarrass" the kids in front of others); It Isn't Easy Being a Verb (my youngest has ADHD - great resource for her); Melvin the Molar (the importance of good oral hygiene); Decibela (inside vs outside voice). I also highly recommend the book Making Friends is an Art, which was co-authored with another person (I believe). All the teachers, and pediatric OT's, I have shared these books with have gone out and immediately purchased and have used with good success. If I could give Julia Cook's books a 10/5 rating, I would. You will NOT be disappointed!!!!

I really love this book! It was exactly what I looking for for my 6th grader who thinks everything is someone else's fault. It was an easy read, but not too babyish for a 12 yr old boy to understand the point. Great, fun read!

How many times do parents and teachers hear this little phrase, "But it's not my fault!" • Once again in her accomplished way, Ms. Cook addresses solution for a common childhood problem of not wanting to take responsibility for their actions. Noodle is at it again, being a kid and having trouble blaming everyone else for his mistakes. No matter if his blunders are large or small, they are all someone else's fault, to the point of being ridiculous! My favorite was when he was called down for interrupting and he said, "But it's not my fault! My mouth is addicted to talking!" • The blame game may seem innocent in a child but if not corrected they grow to be adults who live their lives as victims and are never responsible for any mistakes. Ms. Cook's words of insight and wisdom come through Noodle's Mom. I like the way the story hits at the heart of the problems without having an accusatory tone. This way the children have the opportunity to look at themselves without feeling the need to defend, or blame!! Another favorite point made in the book is "Blaming others is a reason but it's not an excuse." • I had my 10 year old granddaughter and 13 year old grandson read the book. When they finished each one had a sheepish look and said, "I do this. . . sometimes" • Both said it helped them see they need to own up for what they do. Also that it affects those around them. Someone could get in trouble for what they falsely accused them of. Plus blame causes conflict and hard feelings among friends and family. At the end are very helpful ideas to guide children in overcoming this bad habit. Engaging vibrant illustrations, sound wisdom, and written from a child's viewpoint. A great to help children (and it wouldn't hurt adults to read it either!) Go to [...] to see more of Julia Cook's amazing books!

Great book for kids. I use it in mental health therapy with kids in school. Could easily be used by parents, teachers, or anyone working with kids. Great book. It is a little longer, and has bigger

words. Normally it works great for anyone 3rd grade and up. I have had some success with younger kids, but it really depends on the kid. I like to emphasize to each child before I start reading that we are learning about responsibility and how blaming or giving excuses is not helpful for us. Otherwise, the first part is Noodle blaming others a lot. For the younger kids it was difficult to keep them focused until the middle/end where learning about responsibility comes in. For some of my students, the first part gave them a great idea of excuses they could use in the future, and were confused by the middle/end when Noodle's behavior was getting redirected. I think the book could have been a little shorter, or personal responsibility could have come in earlier. I have also tried reading to a student, then at another session, going through the book focused on what the people are feeling, or what Noodle could have done to demonstrate personal responsibility in each situation.

I read this book during the second day of school to my fifth graders. At the end of the reading, I asked them what is the morale of the story, and they all chirruped that it is about taking responsibility for your actions. I'm thrilled they understood the point. We are starting the year off right! Highly recommend this book for other teachers to read at the beginning of the year.

I absolutely LOVE Julia Cook. Her books are engaging while teaching valuable life lessons!!

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